concerned, we are in constant touch with all of them. Whenever foreign dignitaries have visited India, we have discussed the Iraq issue with them and we have included our views in joint statements, and so, this countries. But whether India is emerging a leader is something about which I would rather be careful, because we cooperate with countries, we are not out to assume their leadership.

Sir, as far as the second issue is concerend, I am aware of the fact that a delegation of India businessmen had been sent to Iraq recently. They had gone there and looked at the prospects. As I mentioned, our Ambassador was sent back in the month of June and he is looking at the prospects. And this is a business-to-business contact out of which it would emerge.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

FCI Godowns in Southern States

*248. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FCI godowns in southern States, with their storage capacity, State-wise;

(b) whether these godowns are rodent and damp proof;

(c) if not, the number of godowns required to be made rodent and damp proof, State-wise; and

(d) what corrective measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The total number of Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns in the Southern States and their storage capacity, State-wise are as under:

State	No. of Godowns	Storage Capacity (*in lakh MTs*)
Andhra Pradesh	37	12.69
Kerala	23	5.25
Karnataka	19	3.39
Tamil Nadu	16	5.89
Pondicherry	03	0.42
TOTAL :	98	27.64

In addition, the FCI also possesses hired and Cover And Plinth (CAP) storage facilities as under:

State	Number		Storage Capacity (*in lakh MTs*)	
	Hired Godowns	CAP facilities	Hired	CAP
Andhra PRadesh	88	5	17.88	1.97
Kerala	—	6	—	0.21
Karnataka	22	10	1.11	1.54
Tamil Nadu	10	—	0.72	—
TOTAL:	120	21	19.71	3.72

(b) to (d) All the FCI owned godowns are scientifically constructed and are rodent and damp proof.

Indo-EU Relations

*249. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-European relations are touching a new high following the India-EU Summit which was held in November 2003;